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(Case No. 98,541-C)

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In the Application of: )  
Kimberly Christensen )  
Serial No.: 09/721,096 )  
Filing Date: November 22, 2000 )  
For: Removal Of Embedding Media )  
From Biological Samples and Cell Conditioning )  
on Automated Staining Instruments )  
Examiner: Patricia Bex  
Group Art Unit: 1743  
Confirmation No. 4217

**REPLY TO THE APRIL 16, 2003 OFFICIAL ACTION**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the April 16, 2003 Official Action for the above-captioned U.S. patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Appendix A** which includes a copy of a Terminal Disclaimer follows page 10 of this Reply.